Russia May Back Iraq After Nasser Attack

CAIRO (UPI) — Western diplomats said yesterday United Arab Republic President Nasser's bitter anti-Communist attacks may force the Soviet Union to take sides in the current Egyptian-Iraqi dispute.

Until now Russia, which has been sending military and economic aid to both Egypt and Iraq, has ignored Iraqi charges that the UAR was behind the unsuccessful revolt against Premier Karim Kassem's government.

Moscow Radio has blamed the rebellion on "colonial imperialists."

Western diplomats said Nasser, who charged openly yesterday that the Communists were trying to conquer the Middle East, could change the entire situation in the Middle East.

They said the three angry speeches made by Nasser during the past three days probably will prove more effective in halting the spread of Communism in the Middle East than the Eisenhower Doctrine, which offered military aid in case of Communist attempts to take over any nation.

As a result, they said, the Soviet Union may be forced to side with Iraq in the current dispute. They said Nasser's attacks also might jeopardize Russian aid to the UAR.

In his latest attack Nasser charged the Communists with:

Trying to create a Communist "fertile crescent" state stretching across the Middle East from the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf, with Iraq as its nucleus.

Destroying Arab unity and nationalism and replacing it with Communism.

Working "according to inspiration from abroad and being the stooge of the foreigner."

Nasser did not call Kassem a Communist, but he did refer to "Kassem and his Communist stooges."

PRIME MINISTER MACMILLAN
. . . statesman-hero

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Adenauer Won Over

'Superman' Mac Hailed by Press

LONDON (AP) — British newspapers yesterday hailed Prime Minister Macmillan as a statesman-hero.

In their morning newspapers, Britons read that Chancellor Adenauer, reported to be a "difficult" man, had been won over to Macmillan's way of thinking.

In Bonn, said The Daily Mail, Macmillan "notched up the greatest triumph" of his inter-continental peacemaker tour that began in Moscow last month, took him next to Paris and then to the West German capital this week.

"He completely won over Dr. Adenauer to a system of step-by-step disarmament in Central Europe," The Mail added.

"Superman! He does it again," declared The Daily Sketch.

Macmillan now faces the fourth round of his globe-girdling talks aimed at presenting the Russians with a unified Western view on the future of Germany and European security.

This round begins when Macmillan meets President Eisenhower in Washington Friday. On his way to Washington, Macmillan will visit Ottawa for talks with Canadian officials.

No Resistance

Troops Mop Up Nyasaland Rebels

BLANTYRE, Nyasaland (AP)—Eight hundred troops and police last night pushed into Nyasaland's rebel-rocked southern province in a drive to bring the remote tribal areas back under government control.

It was the biggest single operation since violence erupted over African demands for independence in this straggling British protectorate two weeks ago.

A government spokesman said the drive, code-named Operation Herringbone, is a show-the-flag effort designed to restore rule and civil administration. There were no reports of resistance or casualties.

The big new drive, designed to last nine days, will cover more than 100 miles between Nyasaland's commercial centre of Blantyre, the administrative capital of Zomba and picturesque Monkey Bay.

As the soldiers of the Rhodesia Regiment moved off in convoys of trucks, similar operation in central province was just winding up. It may take up to four weeks before security forces could start operations in the northern province, the centre of congress resistance.

There were political rumblings as a white-settler's newspaper accused the British Labor party of undercutting their campaign to crush African nationalists.

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Rhodesia Jail 'Gestapo-Like'

LONDON (Reuters) — A Labor Member of Parliament said yesterday he has received a letter smuggled out of a prison in Southern Rhodesia reporting hundreds of Africans arrested in Nyasaland are being detained there under "gestapo-like" conditions.

MP Fenner Brockway said the letter, written on toilet paper by an African detainee in Khami prison, Bulawayo, reported that wounded members of the Nyasaland African National Congress are not receiving proper medical care.

The letter said: "Since we came into prison, we have been under close confinement in the cells, some in single cells and some three in each. We are not allowed newspapers, pencils or notepaper . . .

"We do not know just what will happen to us. No charges have been preferred on us."

Car Wrecked, Driver Gone

WEST VANCOUVER (CP) — Police are seeking the owner of a small sports car found at the foot of a 20-foot embankment off the Upper Levels highway.

The badly-damaged car appeared to have skidded more than 380 feet on the highway, crashed through a guard rail and down the embankment. No trace of the driver has been found.

Aged Men Missing After Fire

AURORA, Ill. (AP)—Four men still are missing and feared dead as investigators search the charred wreckage of a home for the aged in the wake of a fire Friday.

Five residents of the home and a fireman were injured in the blaze. Eighty-eight other survivors, most of them women escaped injury.

The home was denied a state license to provide convalescent nursing care in 1958 and 1959 because of fire hazards. It was built in 1858.

All-Out Fight Set

Equal Political Air An Impossibility

CHICAGO (AP)—The president of the Columbia Broadcasting System said yesterday an all-out fight will be waged against the Federal Communications Commission's ruling requiring equal time for all political opponents.

Dr. Frank Stanton called the Feb. 19 ruling on newscasts "perhaps the most severely crippling decision ever handed down with regard to broadcast journalism." He said if the FCC does not reconsider and reverse itself, CBS intends to appeal to the courts, to Congress and to the people.

He told a general conference of CBS television network affiliates that the decision makes it a mathematical impossibility for broadcasting to report any political campaign in its own way.

Gold was found at Pike's Peak in 1858.

Brand Bad Drivers

PARIS (AP)—Business school students here came up with two ideas on traffic problems: Have pedestrians carry indelible ink to throw at and brand cars that violate pedestrian crossings, and move all cemeteries out of the city and use the space for car parking.

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In the Legislature

Nursing Homes Control Tightens

The legislature Friday gave second reading to a government bill aimed at providing closer control over nursing homes in B.C.

Health Minister Eric Martin said under the bill "each municipality shall investigate every application made for a licence to operate a welfare institution and shall report to the board."

He said, "A few nursing homes have not lived up to their responsibilities."

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A crash of a Trans-Canada Air Lines plane on Mount Slesse in which 62 persons were killed in December, 1957, was recalled in the British Columbia legislature Friday.

As a direct result of the crash an amendment was introduced in the legislature to the Coroner's Act which will allow the attorney-general to order an inquest where bodies cannot be reached, are destroyed by fire or have been removed from the province. Remains of the Mount Slesse victims couldn't be retrieved.

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The government has introduced legislation that will allow pharmacists to issue drugs on the prescriptions of chiropodists.

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Motorists are going to get the same type of traffic tickets no matter where they are nabbed in the province.

An amendment to the Motor Vehicles Act introduced provided for standardization of traffic tickets throughout the province.

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Third reading was given to an amendment to the Revenue Act which will permit the province to issue a certificate when it becomes free of net debt.

The amendment will permit the government to declare itself free of net debt when its sinking funds total equals the amount the government owes.

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An amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act introduced Friday would result in used car dealers being bonded to ensure faithful and honest conduct.

The amendment prohibits any dealer from obtaining a licence unless he posts a $5,000 bond. It also provides that any person who sustains damages may bring action against the insurer who holds the dealer's bond.

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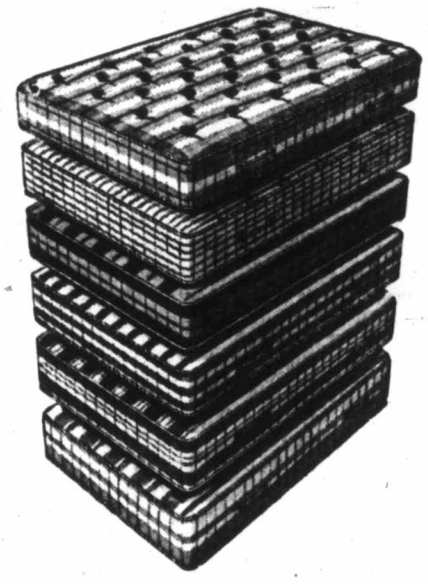

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